



# ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 26, 2026  
6:00 P.M.

Orange County Fire Authority  
Regional Fire Operations and Training Center  
Board Room  
1 Fire Authority Road  
Irvine, CA 92602

Link to:

[Board of Directors Member Roster](#)

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**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Sweeney

**INVOCATION** by OCFA Chaplain Dave Keehn

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Director Munzing

**ROLL CALL** by Clerk of the Authority

**REPORTS**

**A. Report from the Interim Fire Chief**

- OCFA Strategic Goals FY 25-26 – 2nd Quarter
- World Cup / Olympic Update
- 2025 Year-End Data
- Black Star Falls FIREHAWK Rescue

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Please refer to instructions on how to submit a public comment on Page 1 of this Agenda.**

**1. PRESENTATION**

**None.**

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*All matters on the consent calendar are considered routine and are to be approved with one motion unless a director or a member of the public requests separate action on a specific item.*

**A. Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting**

Submitted by: Maria D. Huizar, Clerk of the Authority

The record will show that any Director not in attendance at the meeting of the Minutes will be registered as an abstention, unless otherwise indicated.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Minutes for the January 22, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted.

**B. Committee Member Roster for 2026 and Ratification of Appointments to Executive Committee**

Submitted by: Sara Kennedy, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department and Maria D. Huizar, Clerk of the Authority

Recommended Actions:

1. Receive and file the Committee Member Roster for 2026.
2. Confirm the appointments of the Executive Committee and Alternate members, as required in Rule 9(b) of the Board of Directors Rules of Procedure.

**3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR****A. Board of Directors Requested Item - Standards of Cover (SOC) for Air Operations Fleet**

Submitted by: Mark Tetterer, OCFA Director

Recommended Action:

Review the request and provide direction to staff regarding preparation of any additional staff reports and whether to channel the item through any OCFA advisory committee.

**B. Board of Directors Requested Item - Board Meeting Teleconferencing**

Submitted by: Robert Frackelton, OCFA Director

Recommended Action:

Review the request and provide direction to staff regarding preparation of any additional staff reports and whether to channel the item through an OCFA advisory committee.

**C. Seventh Amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement with Falck Mobile Health Corp. dba Care Ambulance Service, Inc.**

Submitted by: Rob Capobianco, Assistant Chief/EMS and Training Department and Sara Kennedy, Assistant Chief/Business Services Department

Recommended Action:

Approve the Seventh Amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement with Falck Mobile Health Corp. to extend the term of the agreement retroactively from September 1, 2025 until the earlier of: (1) the effective date of a new Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement between OCFA and Falck Mobile Health Corp. or (2) until terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' notice.

**D. Interim Fire Chief Employment Agreement (Item Renumbered)**

Submitted by: Stephanie Holloman, Assistant Chief/Human Resources Department and David E. Kendig, General Counsel

Recommended Action:

Approve an employment agreement for Interim Fire Chief with Terry "TJ" McGovern, following closed session negotiation of final agreement terms. The proposed agreement shall be made available to the public prior to approval.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

*The Brown Act permits legislative bodies to discuss certain matters without members of the public present. The Board of Directors find, based on advice from the General Counsel, that discussion in open session of the following matter will prejudice the position of the Authority on item listed below:*

- CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION** pursuant to paragraph (2) and (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: Two (2) Cases
  
- CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR** pursuant to section 54957.6 of the Government Code:  
 Chief Negotiators: Board Chair Sweeney, Board Vice Chair/ Budget and Finance Committee Chair Patel and Immediate Past Board Chair Bacerra  
 Position: Interim Fire Chief
  
- CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to section 54957.6 of the Government Code:  
 Negotiators: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy, Stephanie Holloman, Assistant Chief/Human Resources Director; and Robert C. Cortez, Deputy Chief/ Administration & Support Bureau  
 Employee Organizations: Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF - Local 3631

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT** – The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors will be on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury and as required by the State of California, Government Code § 54954.2(a), that the foregoing Agenda was posted in the lobby and front gate public display case of the Orange County Fire Authority, Regional Fire Operations and Training Center, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA, not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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Maria D. Huizar, CMC  
 Clerk of the Authority

**FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS – THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK:**

- Wildfire Awareness Proclamation
- FY 2025/26 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment
- Annual Long Term Liability Study
- Wildfire Facility

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Budget and Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 12 noon

Legislative and Public Affairs Committee

Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 12 noon

Executive Committee

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

# MINUTES ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 22, 2026  
6:00 P.M.**

**Regional Fire Operations and Training Center  
Board Room  
1 Fire Authority Road  
Irvine, CA 92602**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors was called to order on January 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Chaplain Emily McColl offered the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Munzing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar provided the roll call.

## **Present:**

Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana, Chair  
David Burke, Cypress  
Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano  
Robert Frackelton, Villa Park  
Shari L. Horne, Laguna Woods  
Lisa Landau, Seal Beach  
Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo  
Nitesh Patel, La Palma  
Dave Shawver, Stanton  
Mark Tettermer, Lake Forest  
Donald P. Wagner, County of Orange

George Brietigam III, Garden Grove  
Victor Cabral, San Clemente  
Betty Franco Martinez, Irvine  
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos  
Kelly Jennings, Laguna Niguel  
Austin Lombard, Tustin  
Bradley McGirr, Rancho Santa Margarita  
Bob Ruesch, Mission Viejo  
Joshua Sweeney, Laguna Hills  
Connor Traut, Buena Park

## **Absent:**

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Westminster  
Mike Frost, Dana Point

Janet Nguyen, County of Orange  
Tara Campbell, Yorba Linda

## **Also present were:**

Acting Fire Chief TJ McGovern  
Assistant Chief Baryic Hunter  
Assistant Chief Sara Kennedy  
Assistant Chief Matt Olson  
Assistant Chief Stephanie Holloman  
General Counsel David Kendig

Deputy Chief Robert C. Cortez  
Assistant Chief Jim Ruane  
Assistant Chief Rob Capobianco  
Assistant Chief Mike Summers  
Clerk of the Authority Maria D. Huizar

Director Shawver arrived 6:04 p.m.

## REPORTS

### A. Report from the Budget and Finance Committee

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Lumbard reported at its January 14, 2026, meeting, the Committee reviewed and approved the following reports to be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval of the recommended actions: Annual Grant Priorities for 2026; FY 2024 Grant for Urban Area Security Initiative; and FY 2025/2026 Mid-Year Financial Report.

### B. Report from the Acting Fire Chief

Acting Fire Chief McGovern welcomed newly appointed Directors Lisa Landau, Seal Beach, and Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano. He provided an update to the Operations report highlighting the response time of 8 minutes 26 seconds occurring 90 percent of the time. An accomplishment which overreaches a recommendation by Citygate's ultimate benchmark. He reported on off-duty firefighter John Rowlands response to a cardiac incident saving a life with assistance from Fire Station 59. He introduced Sara Kennedy, newly appointed Assistant Chief of Business Services, Assistant Chief Mike Summers of EMS/Training, and both promoted Division Chiefs Ryan Bishop to Division 5, and Mike Morgenstern to Division 4. Lastly, 7-year K9 employee Freedom was awarded a certificate of recognition for his valiant work with OCFA's investigations team. Acting Chief McGovern thanked the employees, Local 3631 and especially the Board of Directors for their support throughout the years.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brad Stephens, President of the Orange County Fire Authority Managers Association, introduced himself to the Board of Directors and as the newly elected President for the Managers Association, he summarized the various roles the managers he represents serve in OCFA.

## 1. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Oath of Office for newly appointed Director:

Clerk of the Authority Maria Huizar administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Directors Sergio Farias, City of San Juan Capistrano, and Lisa Landau, City of Seal Beach.

### B. Recognition of outgoing Director:

Chair Bacerra and Acting Fire Chief McGovern presented a recognition to former Director Joe Kalmick, Seal Beach, and Director Troy Bourne, San Juan Capistrano, (unable to attend), acknowledged for their service on the Board of Directors from their respective cities.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

On motion of Director Frackelton and second by Director Hasselbrink, approved Agenda Item Nos. 2A – 2F (Directors C. Nguyen, Frost, J. Nguyen and Tara Campbell absent, with an abstention from Director Farias).

### **A. Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting**

The record will show that any Director not in attendance at the meeting of the Minutes will be registered as an abstention, unless otherwise indicated.

Action: Approve the Minutes for the November 20, 2025, Regular Meeting as submitted.

### **B. Annual Grant Priorities for 2026**

Action: Approve OCFA's Annual Grant Priorities for 2026.

### **C. FY 2025/2026 Mid-Year Financial Report**

Action: Review and direct staff to return to the Board of Directors on March 26, 2026, for approval of the budget adjustments discussed herein for the FY 2025/26 budget.

### **D. Proclamation for National Burn Awareness Week**

Action: Approve proclamation designating February 1-7, 2026 as Burn Awareness Week.

### **E. FY 2024 Grant for Urban Area Security Initiative**

Action: Approve a Budget Adjustment in Fund 121 to increase revenue and expenditures by \$629,920.

### **F. Approval of Acceptance of City of Irvine Purchase Offer for Temporary Construction Easement**

Action: Approve and authorize acceptance of the City of Irvine's offer to purchase a Temporary Construction Easement at fire station 28.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Director Traut expressed heartfelt appreciation to Director Kalmick for his service to the Board. He noted Director Kalmick's prior experience as a firefighter and the valuable insight he brought from the beginning of his tenure. Director Traut commended his leadership and active participation on numerous committees, emphasizing his dedication and strong work ethic. He further stated that Director Kalmick's contributions extended beyond the City of Seal Beach and that he would be greatly missed.

Director Horne expressed appreciation for Local 3631 and its efforts to improve working conditions and advocate for members' rights, including matters related to pay, safety, and proactively addressing concerns before they escalate. She also commented on matters involving the Quick Reaction Force and efforts to schedule a special meeting that did not occur due to lack of a quorum, characterizing the outcome as unfortunate.

Director Jennings echoed prior remarks regarding Director Kalmick's leadership and commitment to the OCFA Board of Directors. She also thanked Chair Bacerra for his leadership over the past year and congratulated staff members on their recent promotions.

Director McGirr spoke about Director Kalmick's kindness and depth of involvement, recognizing the many contributions he made to the Board of Directors and the OCFA.

Director Frackelton reflected on Director Kalmick's leadership and the value he provided to the Board. He also requested that teleconferencing options for Board Members be considered and agendaized for discussion at the February Board meeting.

General Counsel Kendig advised that pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, requests made during Board Member Comments will be agendaized at the following meeting for direction by a majority of the Board.

Director Brietigam stated that he had anticipated Director Kalmick serving as Chair of the Board and noted that his absence from the December special meeting was due to a family illness.

Director Tettermer thanked former Director Kalmick for his service and requested that the Standards of Coverage for the Air Operations program be considered for placement on the February Board of Directors agenda.

Director Sweeney recognized former Director Kalmick for his many years of service, including as a Fire Reservist, and described him as consistently supportive of firefighters and a person of integrity and strong character. He stated that Director Kalmick's legacy is preserved through the respect he earned from the Board. Director Sweeney also acknowledged Chair Bacerra's leadership, expressing appreciation for his service as Board Chair over the past year.

Director Shawver stated that it had been a true pleasure to work with Chair Bacerra and Director Kalmick. He noted Director Kalmick's genuine care for both the people and the organization of

OCFA and thanked him for the opportunity to serve together. He also expressed appreciation for Chair Bacerra's service during the past year.

### **3. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

#### **A. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair**

Chair Bacerra recited the process of the Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Approved by consensus, Chair Bacerra opened the nominations for Chair of the Board. He proceeded to nominate Director Sweeney for Chair; seconded by Director Patel.

There were no other nominations.

Director Sweeney accepted the nomination.

Chair Bacerra closed the nomination period, and requested the Board to vote. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Bacerra opened the nomination for Vice Chair.

Director Sweeney nominated Director Patel, seconded by Director Shawver.

There were no other nominations. Director Patel accepted the nomination. Chair Bacerra closed the nomination period, and requested the Board to vote. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Bacerra turned the meeting over to newly appointed Chair Sweeney.

Chair Sweeney thanked former Chair Bacerra for his service. He spoke of his goals; to continue to support the firefighters, strength and readiness, and maintain the fiscal discipline.

Chair Sweeney asked former Chair Bacerra and Acting Chief McGovern to the podium to recognize Chair Bacerra for his exceptional leadership as Chair in 2025. He addressed the Chair's accomplishments, committees he served on, and various achievements through his leadership. Acting Fire Chief McGovern shared the appreciation and support of the past Chair and thanked him for his leadership over the course of 2025.

Chris Hamm, President of Orange County firefighters Local 3631, thanked Chair Bacerra on behalf of Local 3631 for his leadership and support through 2025.

#### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (6:53 p.m.)**

**CS1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION** pursuant to paragraph (2) and (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: Two (2) Cases

**CS2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT**, pursuant to Section 54957(b)(1) of the Government Code: Title: Fire Chief / Interim

**CS3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR** pursuant to section 54957.6 of the Government Code:  
Chief Negotiators: Board Chair Bacerra, Board Vice Chair Kalmick, Budget and Finance Committee Chair Lumbard, and Immediate Past Board Chair Shawver  
Position: Interim Fire Chief

**CS4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to section 54957.6 of the Government Code:  
Negotiators: Peter Brown, Liebert Cassidy, Stephanie Holloman, Assistant Chief/Human Resources Director; and Robert C. Cortez, Deputy Chief/ Administration & Support Bureau  
Employee Organizations: 1. Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF - Local 3631  
2. Chief Officers Association (COA)

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 8:40 p.m.**

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

General Counsel Kendig reported the following Board of Directors: Brietigam, McGirr, Cabral, Franco Martinez, Frackelton, Burke, Sweeney, Wagner, Lumbard, Landau, Patel, Hasselbrink, Jennings, Farias, Ruesch, Tettermer, Traut, Horne, Munzing and Bacerra voted unanimously (Directors Shawver, J. Nguyen, C. Nguyen, Campbell and Frost absent), to appoint Acting Fire Chief TJ McGovern to be the Interim Fire Chief of the Orange County Fire Authority. He noted otherwise there was no reportable action.

Interim Fire Chief McGovern thanked the Board for their support.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors will be on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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Maria D. Huizar, CMC  
Clerk of the Authority



Orange County Fire Authority  
**AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 26, 2026

Agenda Item No. 2B  
Consent Calendar

**Committee Member Roster for 2026 and  
Ratification of Appointments to Executive Committee**

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**Summary**

This agenda item is submitted to ratify the Board Chair appointments to the Executive Committee and receive and file the Committee Member Roster for 2026.

**Prior Board/Committee Action**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)**

1. Receive and file the Committee Member Roster for 2026.
2. Confirm the appointments of the Executive Committee and Alternate members, as required in Rule 9(b) of the Board of Directors Rules of Procedure.

**Impact to Cities/County**

Not applicable.

**Fiscal Impact**

Not applicable.

**Background**

The Executive Committee, as defined by Rule 9(b) of the Board of Directors Rules of Procedure, consists of no more than nine (9) members of the Board of Directors that shall serve until a new member is seated in their stead by virtue of appointment or assumption of one of the designated positions. The Executive Committee membership is comprised of the following designated positions:

- the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors,
- the immediate past Chair of the Board,
- the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, and
- up to five at-large members, who must include at least one member of the County Board of Supervisors.

In the selection of at-large members, appointments shall be made in such a manner as to achieve approximately the ratio of cash contract cities to total member agencies of the Authority.

The Chair of the Board makes at-large appointments to the Executive Committee to fill any vacancies, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. At its January 22, 2026 Board of Directors meeting, the Board elected Director Sweeney (Laguna Hills) as Chair and Director Patel (La Palma) as Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair will fill those respective seats on the Executive Committee.

Also, at its February 11, 2026, meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee elected Director Patel (La Palma) as its new Chair and will serve as that representative in addition as the Vice Chair on the Board of Directors.

County of Orange Director Donald P. Wagner will remain on the Executive Committee. Director Wagner will represent the County as its At-Large Member, with Director Foley serving as its Alternate.

Therefore, pursuant to Rule 9 of the OCFA Board of Directors Rules of Procedures, and subject to the confirming vote by the Board of Directors, the membership of the Executive Committee as appointed by Chair is as follows:

Executive Committee (9 Members)

Joshua Sweeney, Laguna Hills	Chair of the Board of Directors
Nitesh Patel, La Palma	Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee
Phil Bacerra, Santa Ana *	Immediate Past Chair
Donald P. Wagner, County Board of Supervisors	At-Large County Member
Dave Shawver, Stanton *	At-Large Member
Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos	At-Large Member
Kelly Jennings, Laguna Niguel	At Large Member
Austin Lumbard, Tustin *	At Large Member
Bob Ruesch, Mission Viejo	At Large Member

Executive Committee Alternate Members (7 Members)

Katrina Foley, Board of Supervisors	County Member
David Burke, Cypress	Structural Fire Fund City
Brad McGirr, Rancho Santa Margarita	Structural Fire Fund City
Tara Campbell, Yorba Linda	Structural Fire Fund City
Connor Traut, Buena Park *	Cash Contract City
Chi Charlie Nguyen, Westminster *	Cash Contract City
George Brietigam, Gaden Grove *	Cash Contract City

Furthermore, Rule 10(b)(1) and 10(c)(1) of the Board of Directors Rules of Procedure, allows the Chair of the Board of Directors to make all appointments to the Budget and Finance, Human Resources Committees, Operations Committee and the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee. Appointments to said committees shall be made in such a manner as to achieve, as close as reasonably possible, a balance between the number of members representing Structural Fire Fund and Cash Contract cities.

The following members have been appointed by Chair and will serve on the committees for the ensuing year:

Budget and Finance Committee

(Up to 9 members)

1. Austin Lumbard, Tustin \*
2. Chi Charlie Nguyen, Westminster\*
3. Connor Traut, Buena Park \*
4. David Burke, Cypress
5. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo
6. Nitesh Patel, La Palma
7. Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
8. Kelly Jennings, Laguna Niguel
9. Tara Campbell, Yorba Linda

Human Resources Committee

(Up to 7 members)

1. George Brietigam, Garden Grove \*
2. Mike Frost, Dana Point
3. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo
4. Victor Cabral, San Clemente \*
5. Brad McGirr, Rancho Santa Margarita
6. Robert Frackelton, Villa Park
7. Dave Shawver, Stanton \*

Operations Committee

(Up to 7 Members)

1. Bob Ruesch, Mission Viejo
2. Connor Traut, Buena Park \*
3. George Brietigam, Garden Grove \*
4. Robert Frackelton, Villa Park
5. Shari Horne, Laguna Woods
6. Tara Campbell, Yorba Linda
7. Lisa Landau, Seal Beach \*

Legislative & Public Affairs Committee

(Up to 7 Members)

1. Chi Charlie Nguyen, Westminster \*
2. David Burke, Cypress
3. Donald P. Wagner, County
4. Katrina Foley, County
5. Victor Cabral, San Clemente \*
6. Betty Martinez Franco, Irvine \*
7. Sergio Farias, San Juan Capistrano

Capital Improvement Projects:

(5 Members)

1. Katrina Foley, County
2. Shelley Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos
3. Tara Campbell, Yorba Linda
4. Victor Cabral, San Clemente \*
5. Lisa Landau, Seal Beach \*

\* = Cash Contract City

**Attachment(s)**

None.



Orange County Fire Authority  
**AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 26, 2026

Agenda Item No. 3A  
Discussion Calendar

**Board of Directors Requested Item -  
Standards of Cover (SOC) for Air Operations Fleet**

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**Contact(s) for Further Information**

Mark Tettermer, OCFA Director  
Board of Directors

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**Summary**

This item is agendaized pursuant to the OCFA Board Rules of Procedure, Rule 2(a) and Rule 2(b), at the request of OCFA Board Member Mark Tettermer. The purpose of this item is to introduce a discussion regarding Standards of Cover (SOC) for the air operations fleet.

**Prior Board/Committee Action**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)**

Review the request and provide direction to staff regarding preparation of any additional staff reports and whether to channel the item through any OCFA advisory committee.

**Impact to Cities/County**

Not applicable.

**Fiscal Impact**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this action.

**Background**

OCFA Board Member Tettermer made a request at the January 22, 2026 Board meeting, consistent with Rule 2(b) of the OCFA Board Rules of Procedure, to agendaize this item to introduce a discussion regarding Standards of Cover (SOC) for the air operations fleet.

**Attachment(s)**

None.



Orange County Fire Authority  
**AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 26, 2026

Agenda Item No. 3B  
Discussion Calendar

**Board of Directors Requested Item -  
Board Meeting Teleconferencing**

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**Contact(s) for Further Information**

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**Summary**

This item is agendized pursuant to the OCFA Board Rules of Procedure, Rule 2(a) and Rule 2(b), at the request of OCFA Board Member Robert Frackelton to introduce a discussion regarding Board Meeting teleconferencing for Board future consideration.

**Prior Board/Committee Action**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)**

Review the request and provide direction to staff regarding preparation of any additional staff reports and whether to channel the item through an OCFA advisory committee.

**Impact to Cities/County**

Not applicable.

**Fiscal Impact**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this action.

**Background**

OCFA Board Member Frackelton made a request at the January 22, 2026 Board meeting, consistent with Rule 2(b) of the OCFA Board Rules of Procedure, to agendize this item to introduce a discussion regarding Board meeting teleconferencing for future Board consideration.

**Attachment(s)**

None.



**Orange County Fire Authority**  
**AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 26, 2026**

**Agenda Item No. 3C**  
**Discussion Calendar**

**Seventh Amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services**  
**Billing Agreement with Falck Mobile Health Corp.**  
**dba Care Ambulance Service, Inc.**

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Business Services Department

**Summary**

This item is submitted to request approval of the Seventh Amendment to the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Services Billing Agreement between OCFA and Falck Mobile Health Corp. formerly known as Care Ambulance Service.

**Prior Board/Committee Action and Background**

On May 28, 2020, the OCFA Board of Directors approved the third amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing/Reimbursement Agreements, which established a 5-year continuation of the ALS Reimbursement Rate (\$274.38) and a one-year continuation of the Medical Supply Reimbursement Rate (\$30.65).

On May 27, 2021, the OCFA Executive Committee approved the fourth amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement between OCFA and the current 911 Emergency Ambulance Services providers, including Falck Mobile Health Corp. formerly known as Care Ambulance Service, Inc. ("Falck"). The fourth amendment extended the Medical Supply Reimbursement Rate cost recovery evaluation period by an additional 60-days through July 31, 2021.

On July 22, 2021, the OCFA Board of Directors approved the fifth amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing/Reimbursement Agreements. A medical supply cost reimbursement analysis was completed in and reviewed by Lance, Soll & Lunghard (LSL), a third-party independent CPA firm. The results of the medical supply cost analysis determined the reimbursement rate per transport at \$30.43.

On May 25, 2025, the OCFA Board of Directors approved the sixth amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing/Reimbursement Agreement with Falck to extend the term of the Advanced Life Support Services Billing/Reimbursement Agreement through August 31, 2025. The ALS agreement with Falck expired on August 31, 2025, and the County's new contracts for BLS services in five EOAs were awarded to Falck effective September 1, 2025.

The contract under which the County awarded five EOAs to Falck requires Falck to enter into an ALS agreement with OCFA. While the parties continue to negotiate that more permanent ALS

billing agreement, it is recommended that the Board approve the attached Seventh Amendment to the prior agreement to retroactively extend the prior agreement with Falck to ensure reimbursement to OCFA for ALS services and medical supply reimbursements since September 1, 2025.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)**

Approve the Seventh Amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement with Falck Mobile Health Corp. to extend the term of the agreement retroactively from September 1, 2025 until the earlier of: (1) the effective date of a new Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement between OCFA and Falck Mobile Health Corp. or (2) until terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' notice.

#### **Operational Impact to Cities/County**

Not applicable.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Approval of the amendment to the agreement will continue the cost recovery reimbursements that OCFA receives for medical supplies and Advanced Life Support (ALS) services provided by OCFA personnel through the termination of the agreement.

#### **Background**

The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), has issued regulations allowing BLS ambulance providers to bill for ALS services rendered by a separate entity provided a written billing agreement exists between the parties. Consistent with these requirements, Falck previously entered into agreements with OCFA in order to bill for OCFA's ALS services and to reimburse the OCFA for the specified services provided to patients. The OCFA has had long-standing agreements with Falck and has amended the agreements from time to time.

Attached is the proposed seventh amendment to the Billing Agreements to continue these billing arrangements.

#### **Attachment**

Seventh Amendment to the Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement with Falck Mobile Health Corp.

**SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO  
ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES  
BILLING AGREEMENT**

This Seventh Amendment to Advanced Life Support Services Agreement (“Amendment”) is entered into by and between the ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY, a Joint Powers Agency organized pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 5, Title 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of the California Government Code (“OCFA”) and FALCK MOBILE HEALTH CORP., formerly known as Care Ambulance Service (“Contractor”).

**RECITALS**

A. WHEREAS, OCFA and Contractor entered into that certain Advance Life Support Services Billing Agreement on May 21, 2015, as amended by that certain Amendment to Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement on November 18, 2015 (“First Amendment”), that certain Second Amendment to Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement on March 22, 2018 (“Second Amendment”), that certain Third Amendment to Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement on May 28, 2020 (“Third Amendment”), that certain Fourth Amendment to Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement on May 27, 2021 (“Fourth Amendment”), that certain Fifth Amendment to Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement on July 22, 2021 (“Fifth Amendment”), and that certain Sixth Amendment to Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement on June 1, 2025 (“Sixth Amendment”) (collectively, the “ALS Agreement”); and

B. WHEREAS, City and Contractor desire to enter into this Amendment to further extend the Agreement during the pendency of negotiations over a new Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The term of the Agreement is hereby extended until the effective date of a new Advanced Life Support Services Billing Agreement between OCFA and Contractor pursuant to the requirements of County of Orange’s request for proposals RFP No.: 042-2624304-BD (“RFP”) and Contracts Nos. MA-042-25011794, MA-042-25011795, MA-042-25011796, MA-042-25011797, and MA-042-25011798 dated September 1, 2025, between the County of Orange and Contractor (collectively, “EOA Agreement”).

2. Either OCFA or Contractor may terminate the ALS Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days’ notice to the other party

3. Nothing in this Seventh Amendment, nor the parties’ entry into this Seventh Amendment, shall be construed as an admission or concession regarding the RFP or the EOA Agreement or a waiver, relinquishment, or limitation on the parties’ rights, duties, remedies, contentions, and authorities regarding the RFP or the EOA Agreement, all of which are expressly reserved.

4. Except as provided in this Seventh Amendment, all provisions of the ALS Agreement, as amended to date, remain the same and in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers.

[signature page follows]

SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the dates stated below:

**ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Joshua Sweeney  
Chair, Board of Directors

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**ATTEST:**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
David E. Kendig  
General Counsel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maria D. Huizar  
Clerk of the Authority

**FALCK MOBILE HEALTH CORP.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Scott White  
VP and Regional Managing Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Bart Lambooj  
CFO



Orange County Fire Authority  
**AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 26, 2026

Agenda Item No. 3D  
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**Interim Fire Chief Employment Agreement**

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**Summary**

This agenda item is submitted to request approval of an employment agreement for Interim Fire Chief.

**Prior Board/Committee Action**

At the Board of Directors regular meeting of January 22, 2026, General Counsel Kendig reported out of closed session that the Board voted unanimously to appoint Terry “TJ” McGovern as the Interim Fire Chief pending approval of an employment agreement. Pursuant to Board Rule 11, negotiations with Chief McGovern were conducted with the Board of Directors’ designated negotiators.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)**

Approve an employment agreement for Interim Fire Chief with Terry “TJ” McGovern, following closed session negotiation of final agreement terms. The proposed agreement shall be made available to the public prior to approval.

**Impact to Cities/County**

Approval of an employment agreement for Interim Fire Chief will benefit OCFA’s member agencies through continued day-to-day leadership of OCFA, pending completion of the recruitment for a new permanent Fire Chief.

**Fiscal Impact**

The cost of the employment agreement for Interim Fire Chief is funded by appropriations that are included in the FY 2025/2026 budget for salaries and benefits for the Fire Chief position.

**Background**

Following the former Fire Chief’s retirement, Deputy Fire Chief Terry “TJ” McGovern assumed the duties and responsibilities of leading the OCFA as Acting Fire Chief, effective January 2, 2026. Following closed session discussions at the Board of Director’s regular meeting of January 22, 2026, the Board unanimously approved Chief McGovern’s appointment to Interim Fire Chief pending final negotiations between the Board lead negotiators and Chief McGovern.

The Board’s representatives tentatively completed negotiations and prepared a draft agreement, pending final discussion with the Board in Closed Session on February 26, 2026. The proposed

employment agreement will be circulated after Closed Session negotiations, which will take place prior to the consideration of this item.

**Attachment(s)**

Fire Chief Class Specification



## Orange County Fire Authority Fire Chief

CLASS CODE 5836

ESTABLISHED DATE March 01, 1995

REVISION DATE January 01, 2024

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### DESCRIPTION

#### CLASS SUMMARY

Incumbent is responsible for performing executive level activities. Incumbent is responsible for planning, organizing, and directing the operation of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and to act at the direction of the OCFA Board of Directors.

#### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

The Fire Chief is the third level in a three level executive management series. The Fire Chief is distinguished from the Deputy Fire Chief, which has responsibility for assisting the Fire Chief in organizing and directing the operation of the OCFA.

#### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

*(These duties are intended to be representative sample of the duties performed by the class.)*

- Confers with and directs the day-to-day activities of the OCFA through the Deputy Fire Chief; directs his training and development and evaluates his performance.
- Plans, implements, and directs all phases of the operations of the Authority; formulates departmental operating policy in conformance with Board of Directors' policy and legislative mandate.
- Develops and recommends departmental goals and objectives and delegates authority and responsibility to meet the goals and objectives; evaluates and reports to the Board of Directors on the effectiveness and efficiency of departmental operations.
- Establishes the implementation of OCFA standard operating procedures and ensuring compliance with Federal, State, and local laws.
- Reviews management staff recommendations for staff and equipment; recommends departmental budget priorities; presents and justifies program and budget recommendations for the Board of Directors.
- Coordinates with contiguous fire departments and develops mutual assistance programs where appropriate.
- Meets with citizen groups to discuss and explain the various OCFA all-risk injury prevention and life safety programs; promotes community support of the Authority programs.
- Evaluates community needs; recommends modification of departmental operations to meet new or changed needs.

- Works closely with the City Manager's Technical Advisory Committee, three standing committees of the Board of Directors, as well as special ad hoc committees as needed.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE** *(position requirements at entry):*

Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, or a related field. Ten (10) or more years of progressively responsible divisional or departmental management experience, including labor relations, meet and confer with employee groups, and grievance resolution. Up to four years of job-related experience can be substituted for up to two years of the education requirement for this position; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above.

**Desirable:** Additional college-level or coursework above the Bachelor's Degree level. Enrollment in the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program; Public Administration, Fire Protection Administration or related field; qualified under the National Wildfire Coordinating Group guidelines, in one or more Incident Command System Section Chief positions.

### **LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS** *(position requirements at entry):*

Possession of or ability to obtain a valid California Driver License, Class C or higher, before date of appointment, may be required. This classification is subject to enrollment in the California DMV Pull Notice Program, which periodically provides Risk Management with the incumbent's Driver License record and status.

### **KNOWLEDGE** *(position requirements at entry):*

#### **Knowledge of:**

- Contemporary leadership principles and practices applicable to a modern, decentralized, service-oriented organization
- Management principles and practices necessary to plan, analyze, develop, direct, and evaluate regional programs, administrative policies, organizational structures, and the various OCFA all-risk injury and life safety practices
- Principles and processes necessary to accomplish organizational change in a highly traditional and unionized work environment
- Principles and modern methods of fire suppression/prevention
- Administration principles and practices including organization, fiscal management, budgetary preparation and controls, program planning, implementation, and administration; local government funding regulations and processes including fee for service, property tax regulation and cost recovery
- Federal and State laws, rules, and procedures governing fire suppression, prevention, and investigation
- Principles of employee supervision and personnel management including labor relations, training, disciplining of personnel, and modern information systems

### **SKILLS** *(position requirements at entry):*

#### **Skill in:**

- Plan, organize, direct, and coordinate operations of the OCFA, and motivate organizational units to meet departmental objectives

- Coordinate departmental program objectives with the general goals of the total organization and its various operations
- Define problem areas; direct the collection, interpretation, and evaluation of data and development of sound solutions to technical and administrative fire suppression problems
- Coordinate and initiate actions, implement decisions and recommendations
- Interpret complex regulations, laws, and guidelines
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others, especially in sensitive relationships with representatives of other agencies or governmental units, employee associations, and citizen groups
- Deal tactfully and persuasively with others in controversial situations
- Evaluate the adequacy of procedures, budgets, staffing requirements, and programs
- Communicate effectively through oral presentations, written reports, and discussions with executive level staff, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, departments, groups, and individuals

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

### PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Positions in this class typically require: fingering, grasping, talking, hearing, seeing and repetitive motions.

**Light Work:** Exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 10 pounds of force frequently, and/or negligible amount of force constantly to move objects. If the use of arm and/or leg controls requires exertion of forces greater than that for Sedentary Work and the worker sits most of the time, the job is rated for Light Work.

### WORKING CONDITIONS

Incumbents work in a standard office environment.

***NOTE:*** *The above job description is intended to represent only the key areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department.*